

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19-25, 27-30, and 32-35 are pending.

Claims 14, 18, 26, and 31 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claim 27 has been amended from dependent form to independent form, incorporating the subject matter of base claim 1, to place claim 27 in condition for allowance, as indicated in the Office Action.

Claim 29 has been amended from dependent form to independent form, incorporating the subject matter of independent claim 15, to place claim 29 in condition for allowance, as indicated in the Office Action.

Entry of this Amendment is proper since it merely amends dependent claims into independent form to place such claims in condition for allowance.

The final rejection is being appealed.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (10006371-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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